

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 10, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Kim Alexander, Vic Kelson, and Barbara McKinney. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Chief Joel Bomgardner and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers.

AGENDA

Vic moved to accept the agenda as presented. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2016, board meeting as presented. Vic seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BTVFD Contract: Lillian highlighted the changes that have been made to the contract. The Board requested that the contract be amended to include a pro-rated reimbursement provision for volunteers who do not complete a year of service to the Association, which will match the agreement signed by the volunteer. Vic moved to table the discussion until the December meeting. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Internal Control Policy: Lillian explained that the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is requiring each Township to establish an Internal Control Policy and appoint a Township Board member to act as the Oversight Committee. Barbara was selected as the Oversight Committee person. Vic moved to approve the Internal Control Policy Resolution. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Revised Equipment Replacement Fund Resolution: Lillian reported that the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) had an issue with the wording of the original Equipment Replacement Fund Resolution. DLGF requested clarification on which unit was the provider unit. The Resolution has been revised to reflect that Bloomington Township is the provider unit. Vic moved to approve the revised Equipment Replacement Fund Resolution. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Fire Territory Executive Committee: Kim reported on the Fire Territory Executive Committee meeting from November 2. The land acquisition committee met with Cook, who is proposing a

design, build, and lease plan for a parcel located in the area of Brown School. Cook is proposing to build a Cook quality facility with 4 bays, and offering a possible 99 year lease.

The Chiefs have met with the USDA to discuss the options available for assistance in building a fire station. There are grant opportunities available, and the USDA also has a finance program. The Cook proposal is the first choice, but there are other options available if the Cook proposal fails.

Trustee: Lillian announced that Caseworker Cara Escobedo began her employment on November 1. Cara was most recently working at Blooming Paws Vet Clinic. She will continue working there on weekends and has submitted a secondary employment approval form. Vic moved to accept the secondary employment form. Barbara seconded, motion passed unanimously. Kim signed the secondary employment form.

Lillian reminded the Board that Carilyn and Faron are both retiring during November. Carilyn has requested that no party or open house be held. The office has distributed a letter to partner agencies notifying them of Carilyn's impending retirement. Carilyn will be working until Wednesday, November 30. November 23 will be Faron's last day of work, and a luncheon is planned at Station 5 at noon. Vic will draft a press release for the Herald Times for both retirement announcements.

Lillian reported that Southeastern Indiana Health Organization (SIHO) is discontinuing small group coverage effective January 1, 2017. We have received several quotes and are leaning toward selecting Anthem as the new health insurance provider for the Township. The coverage is comparable to our existing plan and should result in a cost savings to the Township.

The Township is partnering with Building Thriving Compassionate Communities (BTCC) in their Healthy Community 50 challenge. The goal is to make Monroe County the best place in the country to be a child.

A new family is living at Rosie's Place. The family is currently on a waiting list at Henderson Court for permanent housing. New Hope Family Shelter has hired an additional caseworker, Doug Western, who will be managing the family. There have been additional plumbing issues at Rosie's. The main sewer line from the shelter to the septic tank has two (2) areas where there are broken/bad connections that cause sewage to back up. We have received an estimate of \$3,100 to replace the pipe from the building to the septic tank. When this repair is completed, all of the waste lines from the main connection out to the septic field will have been replaced since the original construction.

Lillian stated her plan in 2017 to create a capital assessment and improvement plan for the Township property, which will include a plan for the re-use of Station 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8.

Vic Kelson, Secretary